

PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Safety and enjoyment go hand in hand. The following rules and regulations have been established to ensure a safe and pleasant visit.

1. **Speed limit is 20 mph.**
2. **Clean up after your pets.**
3. **Keep pets on a 6-foot leash.**
4. **Park only in designated areas.**
No parking on roadsides or outside park gates.

The following are prohibited:

- Open fires
- Alcoholic beverages
- Tobacco and vapor products
- Hunting and fishing
- Feeding of wildlife
- Swimming, wading and boating
- Collection or release of any animal, plant or mineral material
- Amplified music
- Littering
- Firearms
This does not prohibit concealed handgun permit holders from legally carrying a concealed handgun in accordance with N.C.G.S. 14-415.11.
- Overnight parking and camping
- ATVs and other motorized vehicles

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PARK HOURS

GROUNDS

8 a.m. – sunset
Seven days a week

PARK CLOSED

Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
New Year's Day

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Parks, Recreation
and Open Space



CROWDER COUNTY PARK





WELCOME TO CROWDER COUNTY PARK



ABOUT THE PARK

Crowder County Park's 33 acres provide outdoor recreational opportunities for all ages—including paved and natural surface trails, open play field, sand volleyball court, outdoor amphitheater and three picnic shelters with adjacent playgrounds. The boardwalk across the park's 2.7-acre pond is always a favorite stop while at Crowder.



Relax in a natural setting while enjoying recreation and educational opportunities. Park staff offer interpretive, hands-on programs for all ages throughout the year.

HISTORY

In 1992, Mrs. Doris Crowder donated 33 acres of land to Wake County, with the stipulation that the land be used as a public park.

With \$2 million from the 1993 parks bond referendum, planners were able to transform this heavily wooded tract of land into a fully operational park. Crowder County Park opened to the public in June of 1998 after a two-year recovery from damage caused by Hurricane Fran.

In July 2019, the Wake County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the purchase of 96 acres of land north of the park—a move that will quadruple the park's size.

While not yet open to the public, the property could add opportunities including hiking/walking trails, fishing, environmental education and other recreation.

PROGRAMS

A variety of educational programs are available to accommodate diverse age groups, interests and curriculum. Programs will appeal to both children and families. Visitors can check out packaged discovery box activities that provide mini lessons to groups or individuals.



EVENTS

The park offers free, family-friendly events that feature educational displays, crafts, fun games, community vendors and more. All events are listed on the park website, social media and the monthly e-newsletter.



- Restroom
- Parking lot

- WALKING TRAILS**
Take a relaxing stroll along trails that wind through wooded areas of the park and circle Crowder's 2.7-acre pond. Put them together and you have a perfect loop for running or walking!
- Outer Loop Trail**
(paved, 0.8 mile)
 - Pond Loop Trail**
(paved, 0.3 mile)
 - The park also features a 0.2-mile unpaved, interpretive nature trail with tree identification signs.
 - Cooper's Hawk Trail**
(mulched, 0.2 mile)

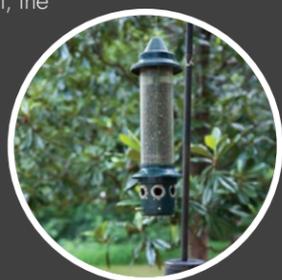
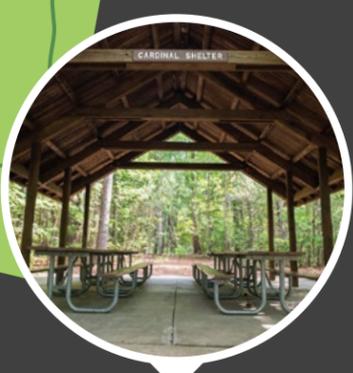
EDUCATIONAL GARDENS
Several display gardens, which are maintained largely by volunteers, provide suggestions for native plantings and backyard wildlife habitats.

Butterfly/Hummingbird Garden
This garden features native plants that attract butterflies in both the adult and larval stage. As an added benefit, the hummingbirds like it as well.

Bird Garden
Native trees, shrubs and vines provide food and shelter for the many birds that visit this garden. Bird feeders allow visitors to view songbirds up close.

Prairie Garden
View common grass, wildflowers and shrubs found in North Carolina prairies. An artistic display shows visitors what the prairie landscape may have looked like years ago.

Shade Garden
Check out the vine-covered arbor and a variety of shade-loving plants.



PLAYGROUNDS
There are three playgrounds at Crowder. The largest is located near the upper pavilion and has play equipment for preschool and grade school-aged children. The other two playgrounds are near the Heron and Robin picnic shelters and are designed for preschool-aged children.



OPEN PLAY FIELD
The open play area includes a baseball backstop, sand volleyball court, open play space and a bench to rest on along the area's perimeter. It is open to all and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

PICNIC OPPORTUNITIES
Three covered shelters and several other picnic areas are located throughout the park. Each of the covered shelters has a charcoal grill with restroom facilities and playgrounds nearby. Shelters are available from 9 a.m. until closing time. Shelter reservations can be made online at wakegov.com/parks/crowder.

Unreserved shelters may be used free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Users are required to leave the shelter and surrounding areas clean and undamaged. Please follow rules posted on each shelter.